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Welcome to the EE221 Midterm. This is a closed book examination. You may have two sheets of notes. You may also use a calculator.

**Answer only 4 of the 6 problems!**

Each problem is worth 25 points. Show your work; credit will be given only if the steps leading to the answer are clearly shown. You might want to indicate voltages and currents on the schematics if appropriate. Partial credit will be given for partially correct answers but only if correct intermediate steps are shown.

**NOTE: Use the second approximation for all diodes!**

Also assume that all clippers are stiff and clampers have a long time constant compared to the input frequency

## Grading

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"Of all the things that I have lost,  
I miss my mind the most!"

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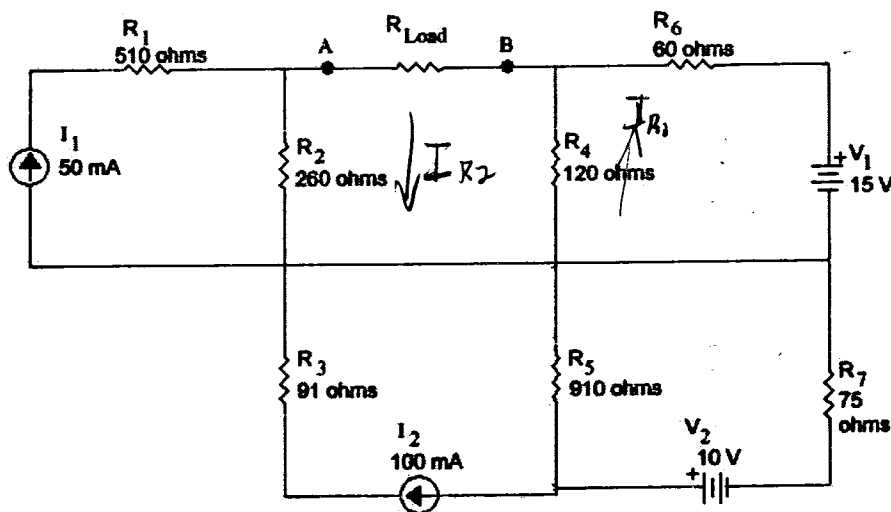
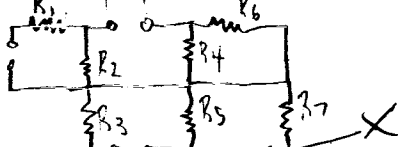


Figure 1

a) Determine and sketch the Thevenin's equivalent circuit for the output terminals A and B.

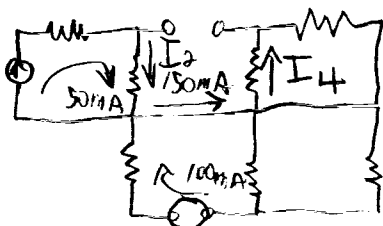
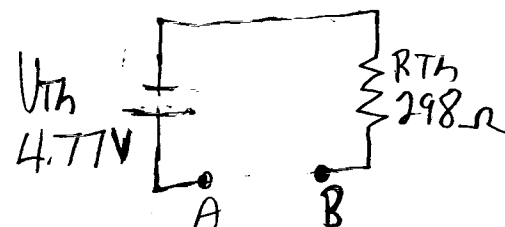


$$R_{th} = ((R_7 + R_5) \parallel R_6) \parallel R_4 + R_2$$

$$R_{th} = ((75\Omega + 910\Omega) \parallel 60\Omega) \parallel 120\Omega + 260\Omega$$

$$R_{th} = 298 \Omega$$

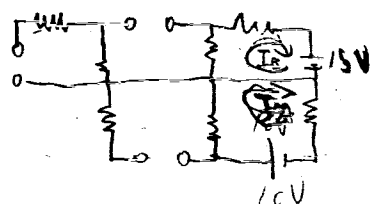
Thevenin Circuit



$$I_2 = 50 \text{ mA}$$

Using CDR

$$I_{R1} = (150 \text{ mA} - 100 \text{ mA}) \left( \frac{75 \Omega}{180 \Omega + 75 \Omega} \right) = 14.7 \text{ mA}$$



$$10 \text{ V} = 910 \Omega I_A + 75 \Omega I_A$$

$$I_A = 10.15 \text{ mA}$$

$$-15 \text{ V} = 60 \Omega I_B + 120 \Omega I_B$$

$$I_B = 83.3 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{R4} = 14.7 \text{ mA} - 83.3 \text{ mA} = -68.6 \text{ mA} \text{ (opposite as shown)}$$

$$I_{R2} = 50 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_{th} = V_{AB} = +I_{R2}(R_2) + I_{R1}(R_4)$$

$$V_{th} = (50 \text{ mA})(260 \Omega) + (68.6 \text{ mA})(120 \Omega)$$

$$V_{th} = -4.77 \text{ V} \leftarrow \text{this should be pos}$$

$\because V_B \text{ is at a lower potential} \therefore$

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Question 1 Continued

b) At what value of load resistance will 600  $\mu$ A flow through the load?

$$R_{Load} = \underline{7K652\Omega}$$

$$V = IR$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{V_{Th}}{R_{Th} + R_L} =$$

$$R_L = \frac{V_{Th}}{I} - R_{Th} = \frac{4.77V}{600\mu A} - 298\Omega$$

$$R_L = 7652\Omega = 7K652\Omega$$

c) At what value of load resistance is maximum power transferred?

$$R_{Load} = \underline{298\Omega}$$

$$R_{Load} = R_{Th} \text{ at max power}$$

d) What would be the minimum load resistance if this Thevenin's equivalent circuit was to be a stiff voltage supply?

$$R_{Load(min)} = \underline{29K8\Omega}$$

Stiff voltage supply  $R_S < 0.01 R_L$

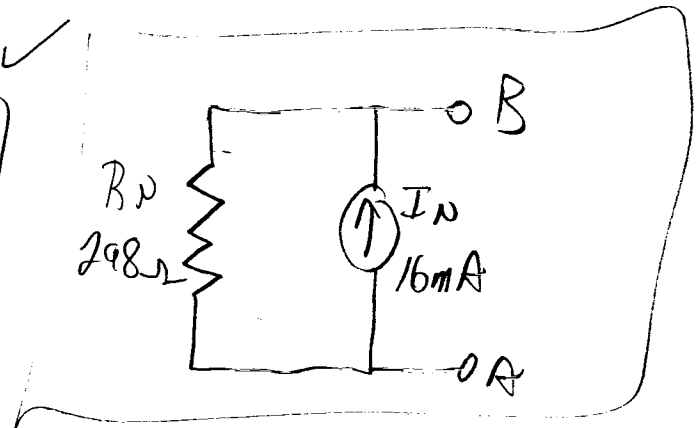
$$R_L > 100 R_S$$

$$R_L > 100 (298\Omega) \rightarrow R_L > \underline{29K8\Omega}$$

e) What is the Norton's equivalent circuit?  
(Provide a circuit sketch as well)

$$R_N = R_{Th} = \underline{298\Omega}$$

$$I_N = \frac{V_{Th}}{R_{Th}} = \frac{4.77V}{298\Omega} = \underline{16mA}$$



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2) (Use the second approximation of the diode!)

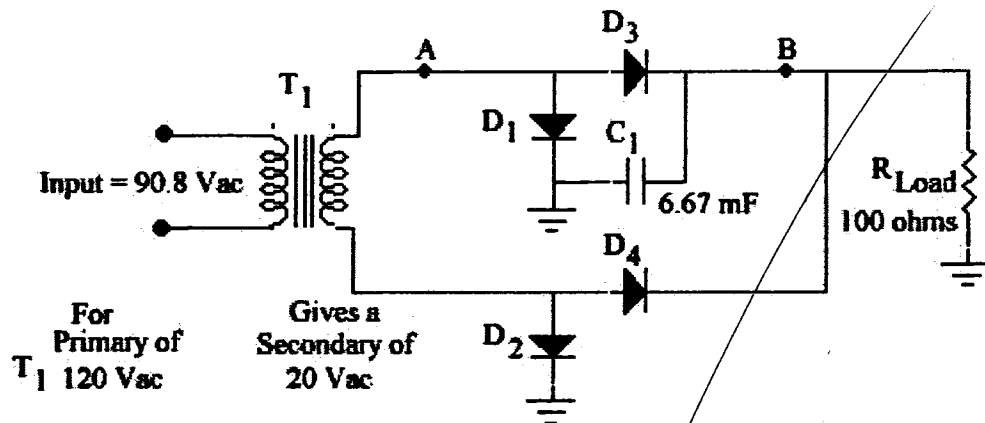


Figure 2

a) What is the peak or maximum voltage across the load?

$V_{Load} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

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b) What is the peak to peak ripple voltage at the load?

$V_{\text{ripple}} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

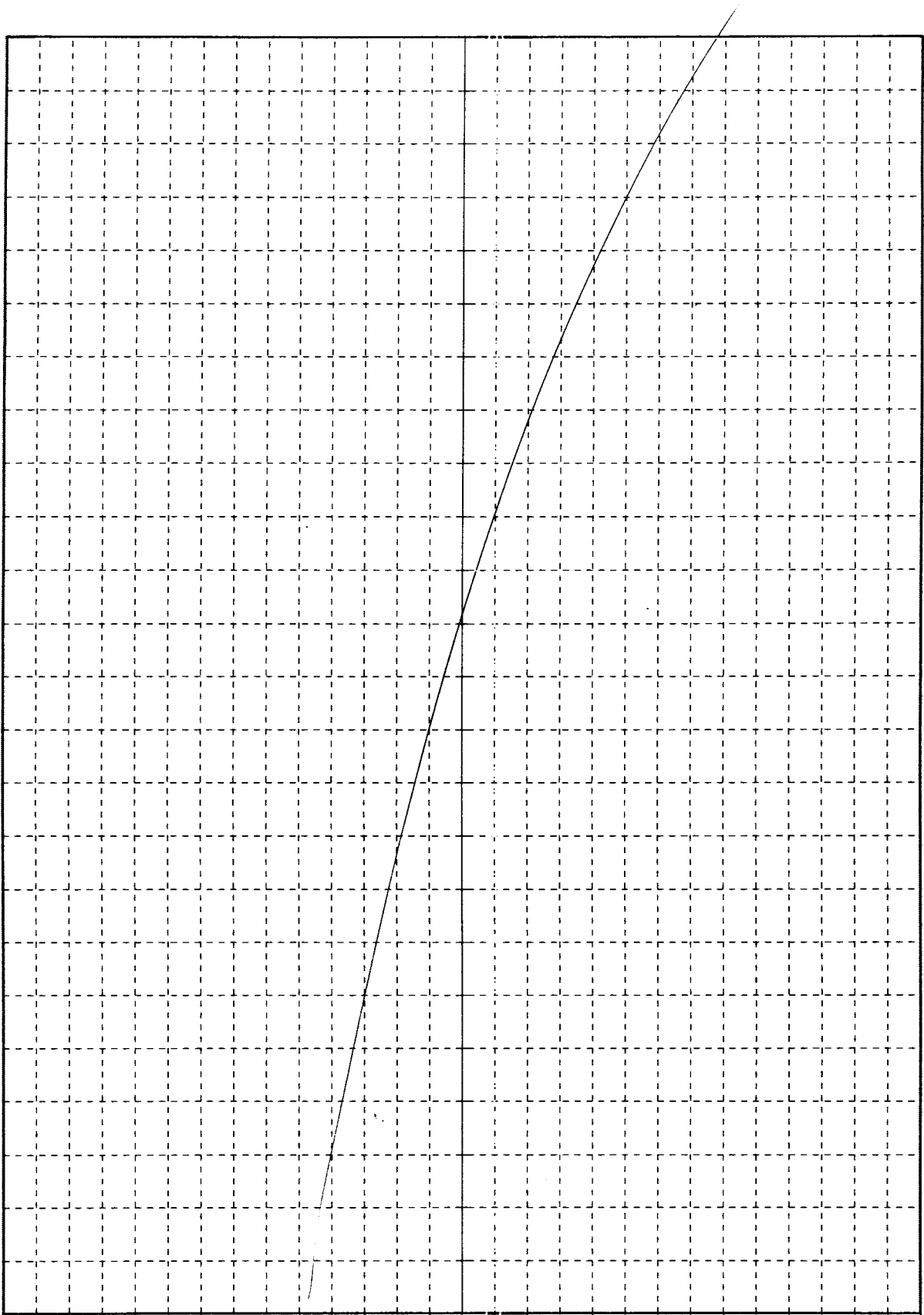
c) What rectifier configuration is this supply?

d) Using the graph on the next page, sketch the waveform at point 'A'. Also on the same graph sketch the resulting waveform at point 'B' both with and without the capacitor in circuit. (You must indicate which waveform is which along with voltage levels.)

**Please try to be neat! A sloppy diagram may lead to a misinterpretation and lost marks.**

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- 3) (Use the second approximation of the diode!)  
Sketch the waveform at each terminal, A, B, C, and D on the supplied graphs.

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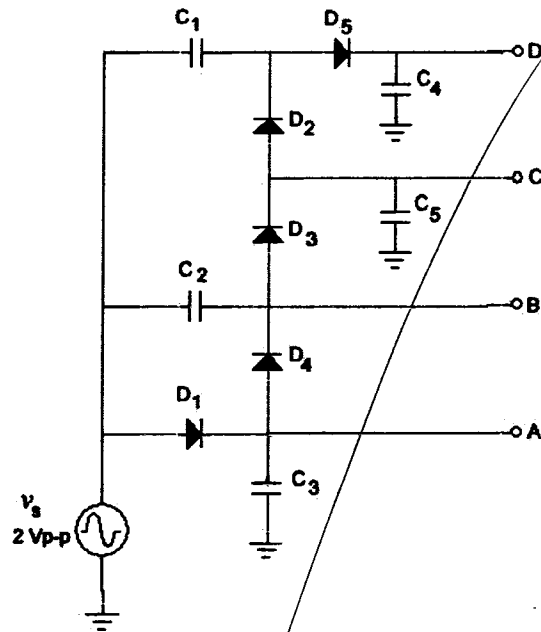
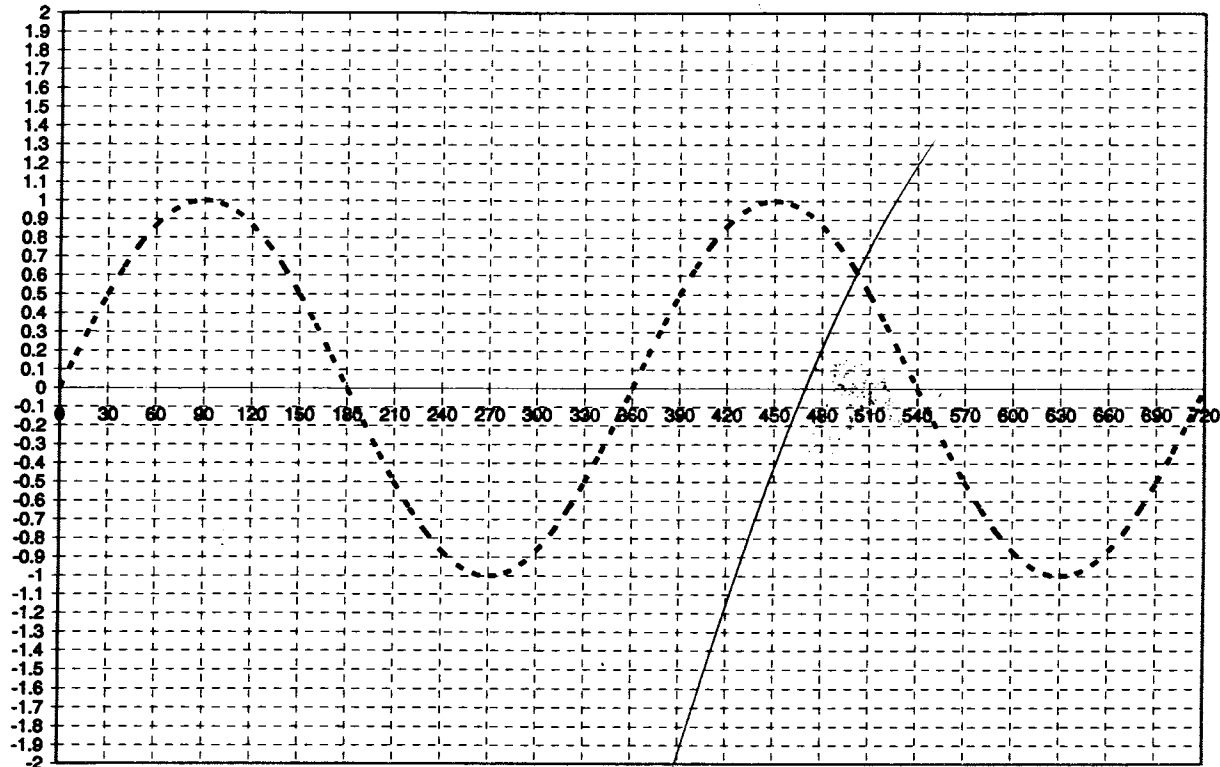
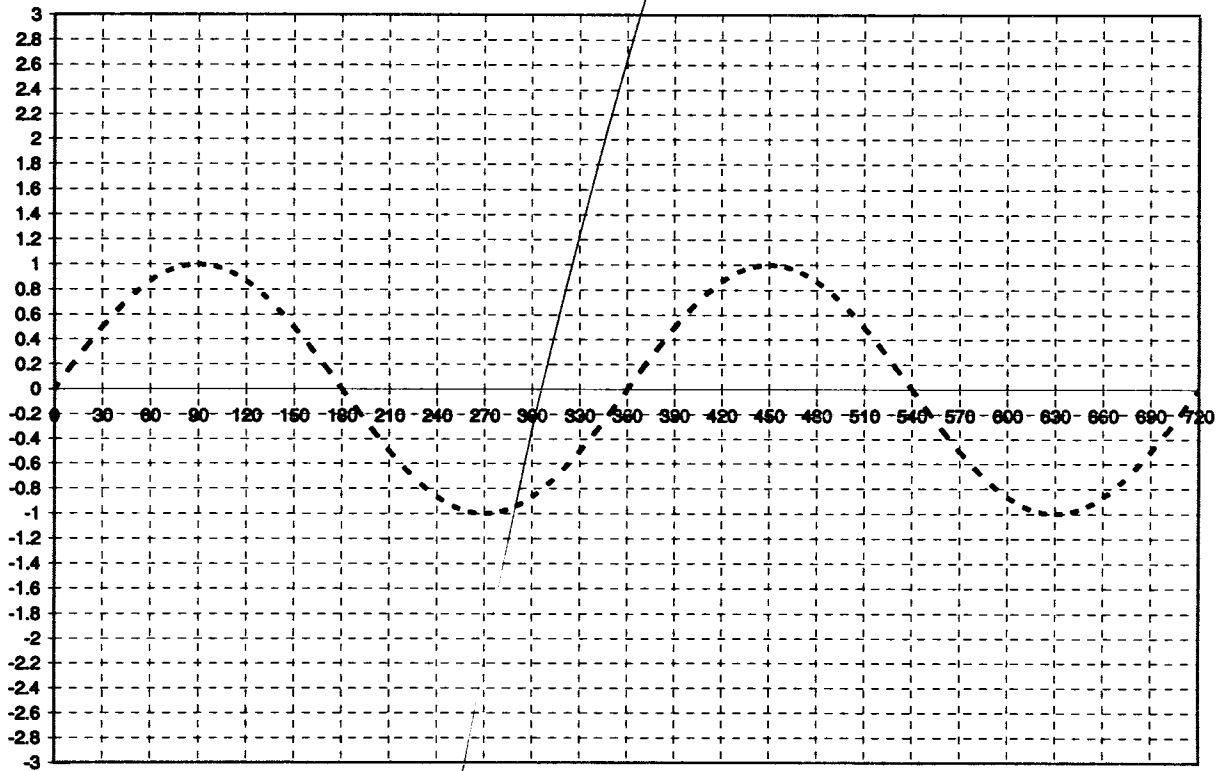


Figure 3

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Graph 1 for  $V_A$       - - -  $V_s$

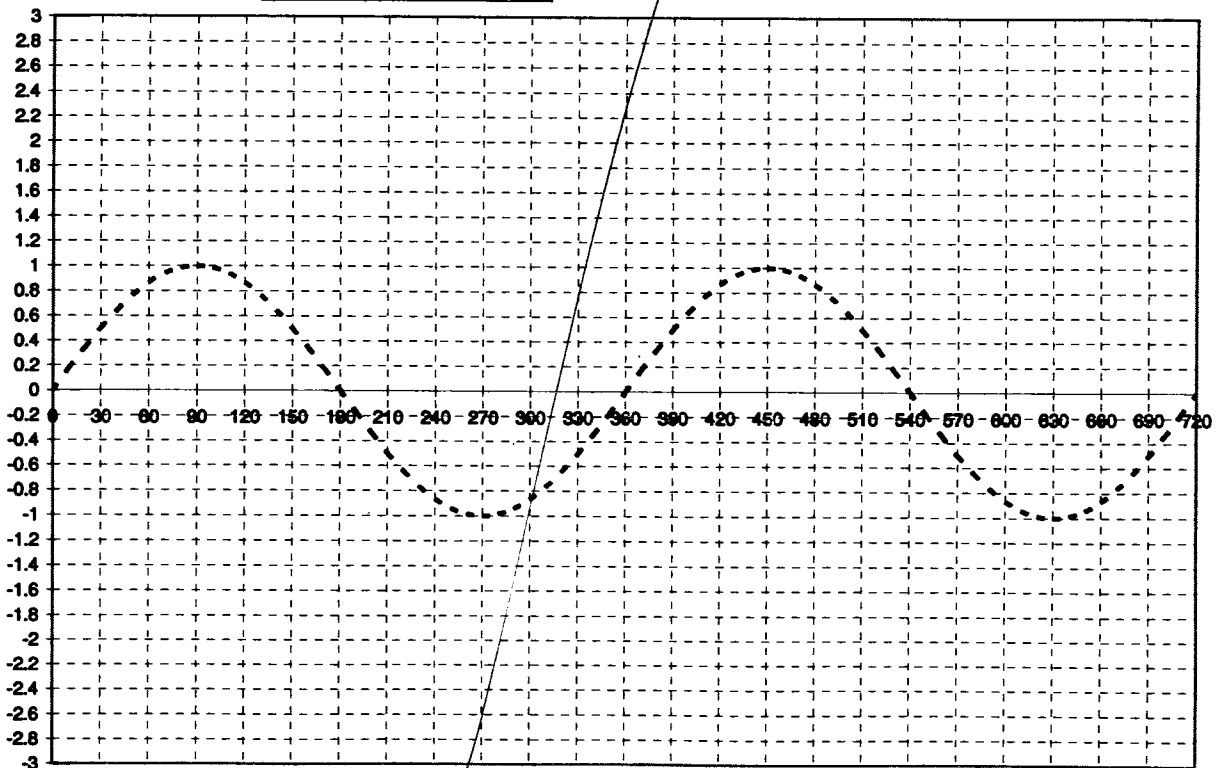
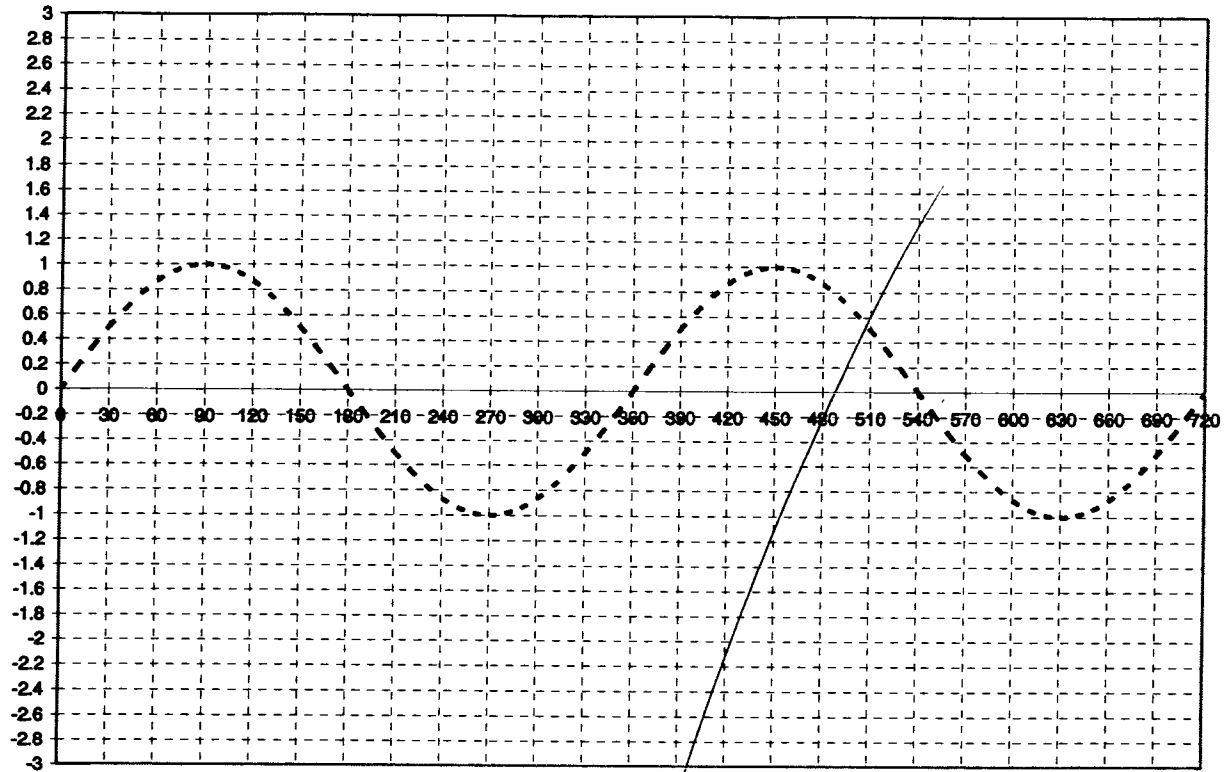


Graph 2 for  $V_B$       - - -  $V_s$



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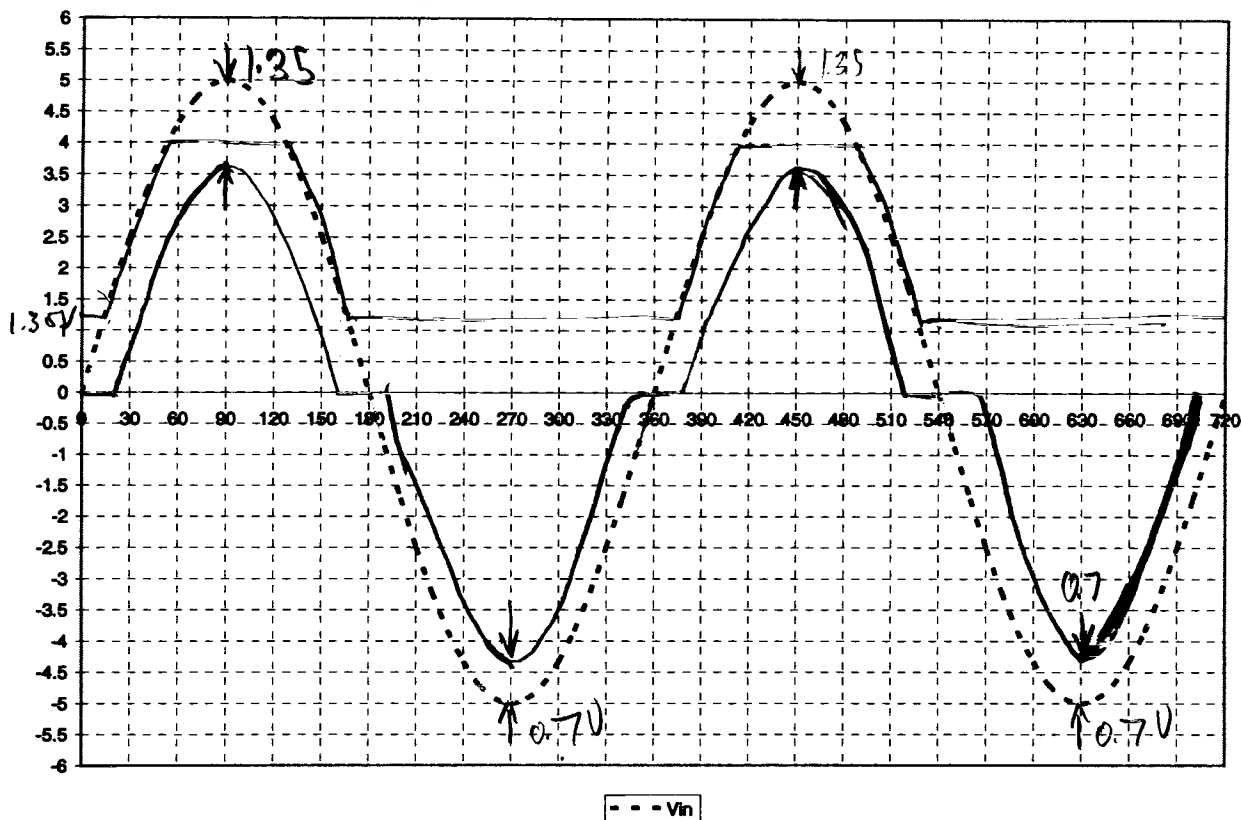
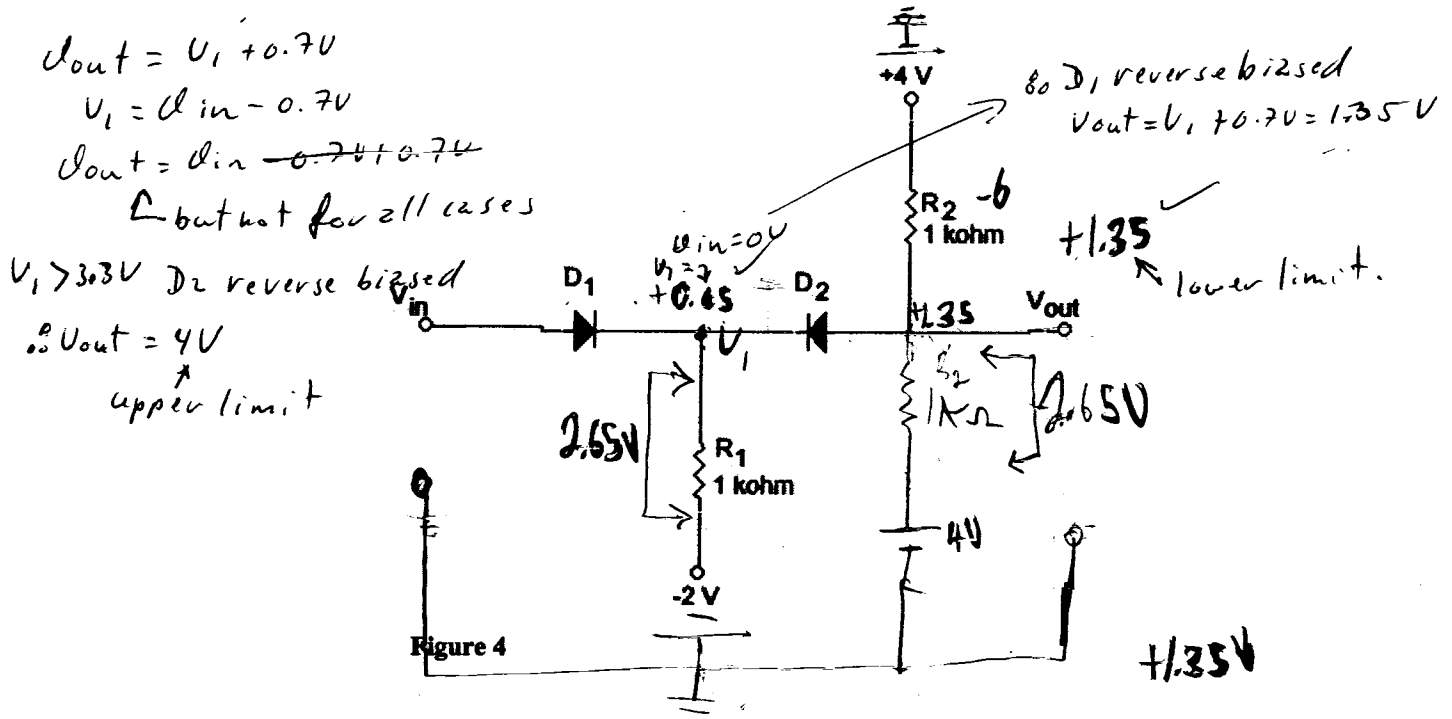


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- 4) (Use the second approximation of the diode!)  
With the given  $V_{in}$  sketch  $V_{out}$  on the same graph.

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5) (Assume  $\beta = 100$ ,  $V_{BE} = 0.7 \text{ V}$  and  $V_{CE(sat)} = 0.3 \text{ V}$ )

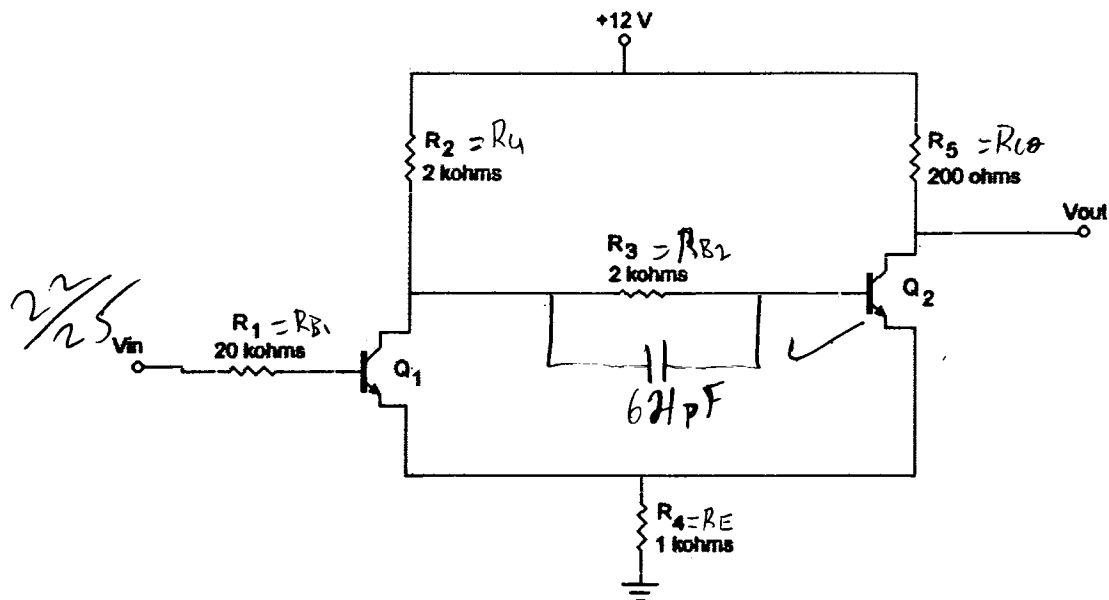


Figure 5

Find the following for the above transistor Schmitt trigger.

a) Determine the:

- Upper Trip Point?  $UTP = 8 \text{ V}$  X

- Lower Trip Point?  $LTP = 4 \text{ V}$  ✓

- Hysteresis Voltage?  $V_H = 4 \text{ V}$  X ✓

$pF = 1 \times 10^{-12}$

$$\frac{UTP}{V_{RE}} = \frac{R_E}{R_E + R_{C1}} (V_{CC}) = 12 \text{ V} \left[ \frac{1 \text{ k}\Omega}{1 \text{ k}\Omega + 500 \Omega} \right] = 8 \text{ V} \text{ X}$$

$$\frac{LTP}{V_{RE}} = \left( \frac{R_E}{R_E + R_{C1}} \right) V_{CC} = 12 \text{ V} \left[ \frac{1 \text{ k}\Omega}{1 \text{ k}\Omega + 2 \text{ k}\Omega} \right] = 4 \text{ V}$$

$$\frac{V_H}{V_H} = UTP - LTP = 8 \text{ V} - 4 \text{ V} = 4 \text{ V} \text{ X ✓}$$

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**Question 5 Continued**

b) It is determined that a capacitor can be used in order to increase the switching time.  
 6.25 On the circuit diagram sketch where this capacitor is to be connected.

c) If this was a 621 pF capacitor, what would the maximum switching frequency be?

$$F_{\max} = \underline{700 \text{ KHz}}$$

6.25  $C_{\max} = \frac{t_{re}}{2.3R}$

Since  $t_{re} = \frac{1}{f_{\max}}$  &  $R = R_{B2} // R_{B1}$  ✓

we get

$$f_{\max} = \frac{1}{(C_{\max}) 2.3R} = \frac{1}{(621 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F})(2.3)(2 \text{ k}\Omega // 2 \text{ k}\Omega)}$$

$$\boxed{f_{\max} = 700 \text{ KHz}}$$

d) List two advantages the transistor Schmitt Trigger has over a Basic Transistor Switch.

3.25 / 6.25 ✓ 1) With a Schmitt Trigger the circuit will stay on until it drops below  $LTP$  and won't turn on until it rises above  $UTP$ .

X 2) This keeps the input the same as the output, with a normal trigger the output would be inverted.

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- 6) (Assume  $\beta = 100$ ,  $V_{BE} = 0.7$  V,  $V_{CE(sat)} = 0.3$  V, and at room temperature (300 °K))

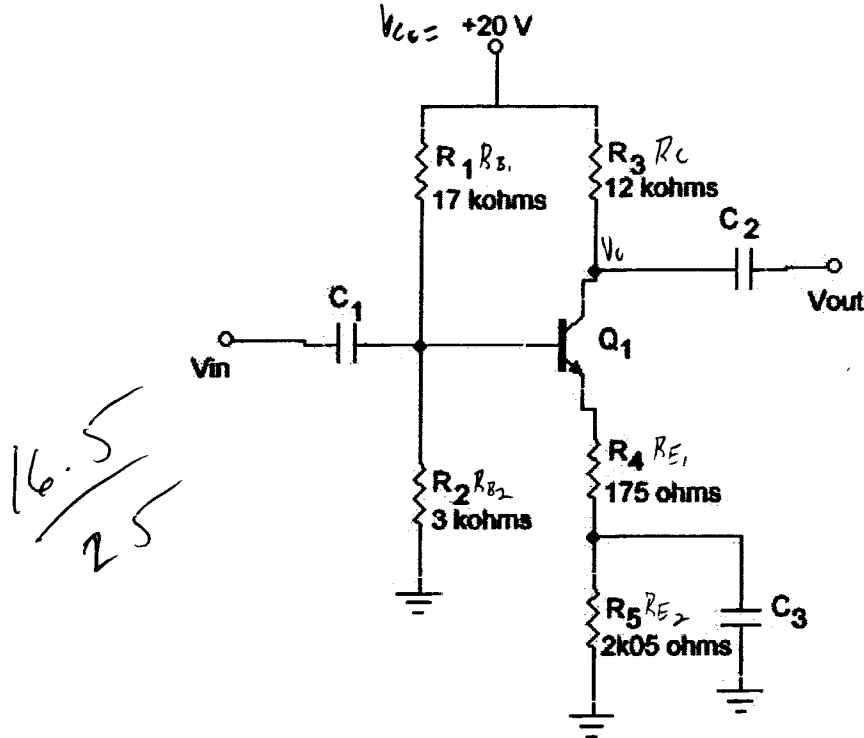
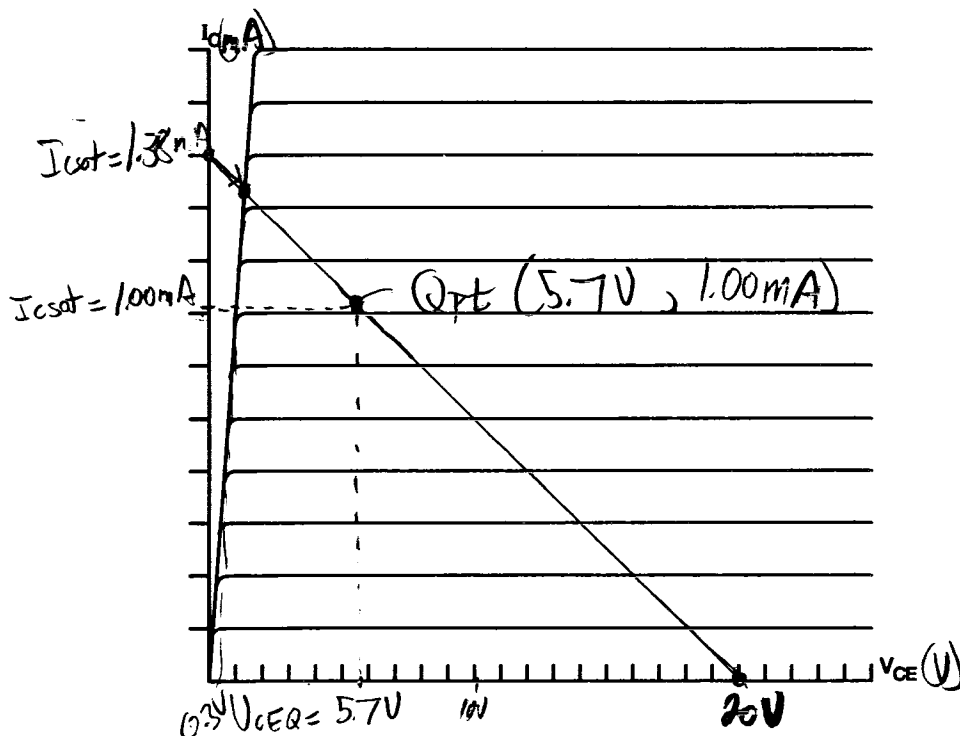


Figure 6

- a) Draw the DC load line and determine the Q point.  
(Use the supplied transistor curve and label the X and Y axis' values)

$I_{CQ} = 1.00$  mA  $V_{CEQ} = 5.7$  V



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Page for Q point calculations

$$V_B = V_{cc} \left( \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right) = 20V \left( \frac{3k\Omega}{17k\Omega + 3k\Omega} \right) = \underline{3V} \checkmark$$

$$V_E = 3V - 0.7V = \underline{2.3V} \checkmark$$

$$I_E = \frac{V_E}{R_{E1} + R_{E2}} = \frac{2.3V}{175\Omega + 2k05\Omega} = \underline{1.03mA} \checkmark$$

$$I_{CQ} = \frac{\beta}{(\beta + 1)} I_E = \frac{100}{101} (1.03mA) = \boxed{1.02mA} \times$$

$$V_C = V_{cc} - I_C R_C = 20V - (1.00mA)(12k\Omega) = \underline{8V}$$

$$V_{CEQ} = V_C - V_E = 8V - 2.3V = \underline{5.7V} \checkmark \text{ with your } I_C$$

$$I_{Csat} = \frac{V_{cc} - \overset{0V}{(0.3V)}}{R_3 + R_4 + R_5} = \frac{20V - 0.3V}{12k\Omega + 175\Omega + 2k05\Omega} = \underline{1.38mA}$$

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b) Determine the input impedance ( $Z_{in}$ ), output impedance ( $Z_{out}$ ) and voltage gain ( $A_v$ ).

$$Z_{in} = 2K\Omega \quad Z_{out} = 12K\Omega \quad A_v = -60$$

$$Z_{out} = R_E = 12K\Omega \quad \checkmark$$

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$$r'_e = \frac{0.02585V}{I_E} = \frac{0.02585V}{1.03mA} = 25.1\Omega \quad \checkmark$$

$$Z_{in} = R_1 // R_2 // \beta(r'_e + R_{E1}) = 17K\Omega // 3K\Omega // 100(25.1\Omega + 175\Omega) = 2K\Omega \quad \checkmark$$

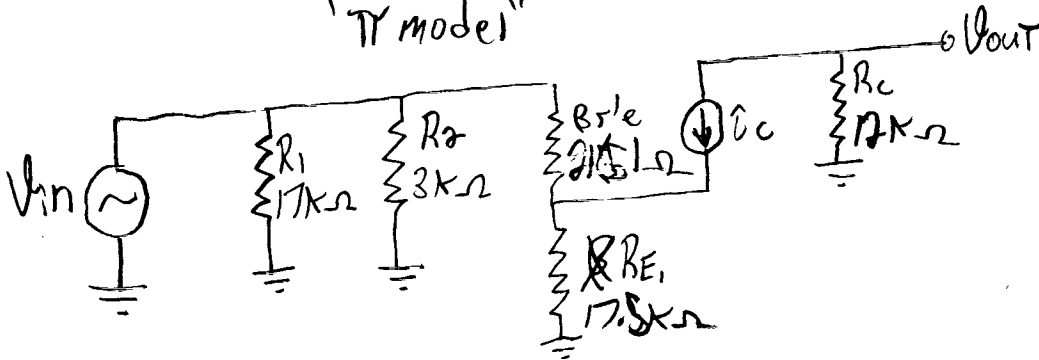
$$A_v = -\frac{R_C}{r'_e + R_{E1}} = -\frac{12K\Omega}{(25.1\Omega + 175\Omega)} = -60$$

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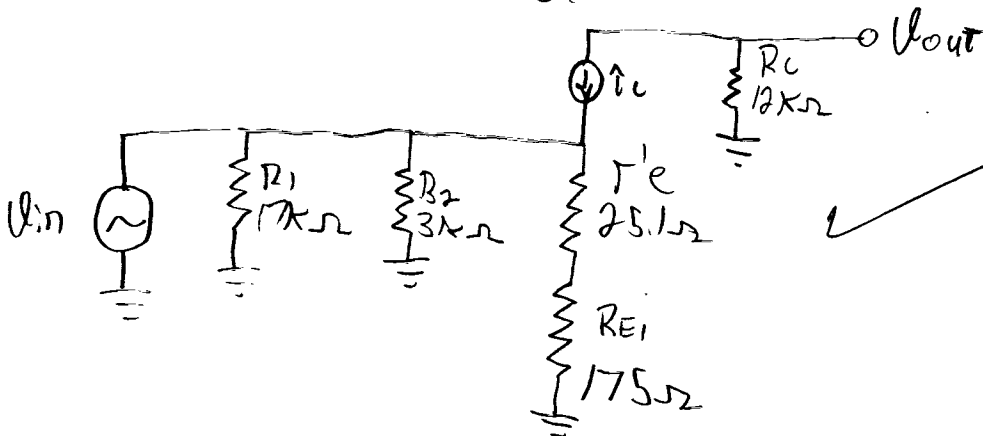
- c) Sketch the T and  $\pi$  transistor ac models for this circuit.  
(Remember to label all components)

' $\pi$  model'



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'T model'



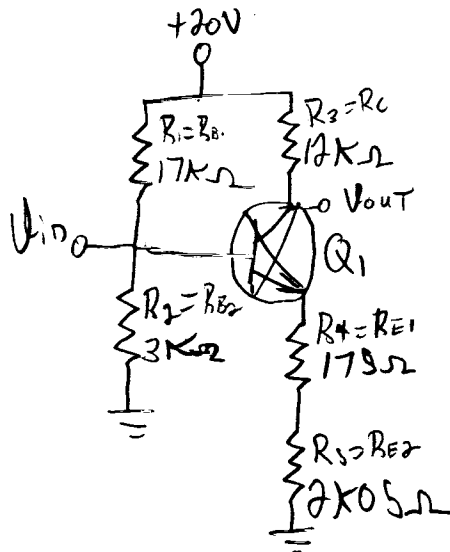


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- d) Sketch the DC transistor model for this circuit.  
(Remember to label all components)



DC model not circuit.  
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- e) Is this a stiff voltage divider bias?  
(You must show proof to support your answer)

For Stiff VDB we need to satisfy  $R_1 // R_2 < 0.01 \beta R_E$  ✓

$$R_1 // R_2 = 17k\Omega // 3k\Omega = 2k55\Omega$$

$$(0.01\beta) R_E = 1(R_{E1} + R_{E2}) = 1(175\Omega + 2k05\Omega) = 2k25\Omega$$

Since  $R_1 // R_2 < R_E$

$$2550\Omega < 2250\Omega$$

The voltage divider is not stiff ✓